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SUBJECT: BIO -- BELIZE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION

MANUEL HEREDIA, JR.

REF: 07 BELMOPAN 0287

1. Manuel Heredia was appointed by Prime Minister Dean Barrow to cabinet on Monday, February 11, 2008. Following is his biography.

Address as: Minister Heredia, Mr. Minister

Full Title: The Honorable Manuel Heredia, Jr.

DPOB: San Pedro, Belize

¶2. Education: N/A

13. Career/ Employment:

Heredia is a lifelong fisherman by profession.

## ¶4. Political Affiliation:

Heredia is politically affiliated with the UDP. He is a former Mayor of San Pedro Town (1994-1997). Heredia served as Board Chairman for the Caribbean Producers Cooperative. He has been President of the Lions Club in San Pedro, Chairperson of the Fisheries Advisory Board, and Vice-President of the Belize Fishermen's Cooperative. He began serving as Belize Rural South Representative in 2003 after running and losing to PUP representative Patty Arceo in the 1998 elections in the same division.

## 15. Family:

Heredia has been married for more than twenty-six years and has three children.

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